Access to websites

3034. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any order to enable a group of bureaucrats to decide the websites, Indian surfers are allowed to access;

(b) whether it is a fact that the order provides sweeping powers to police the internet content; and

(c) if so, the details of the order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) under the Department of Information Technology has been authorized to examine the complaints submitted by law enforcement organizations, Statutory Commissions and Home Secretaries of the Central and State Governments as also Court directives requesting blocking of specific websites.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

BSNL's licence for Delhi and Mumbai

3035. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited does not have a licence to operate in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that new handset schemes and falling tariffs offered by the State owned BSNL are expected to boost rural telephony; and

(d) if so, what is the response from the rural masses as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) does not